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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA AND PRG

REFS: A. CANBERRA 1086; B. CANBERRA 1016;

C. STATE 35260.

1. WE HOPE THAT ANY POSSIBLE MISPERCEPTION OF DEGREE OF
CONTINUING U.S. CONCERN OVER VIET-NAM RELATED ISSUES WAS
CLARIFIED BY CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL C.

2. IN THIS REGARD, UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, WE
BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT YOU FIND AN APPROPRIATE
OCCASION TO REITERATE TO FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE OUR
DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT OVER GOA STANCE AT LOW CONFERENCE AND
THE CONTINUING CONCERN WITH WHICH WE VIEW POSSIBLE GOA
MOVE TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF PRG INFORMATION OFFICE.
YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY CALLED IN
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AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR SHAW TO EXPRESS OUR DISSATISFACTION

WITH GOA'S GROWING ADVOCACY OF PRG. WILLESEE SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT PRG ISSUE, AND VIET-NAM IN GENERAL, REMAINS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO USG, AND THAT WE HOPE GOA WILL AVOID POLICIES WHICH MAKE OUR POSITIONS MORE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN. WE STRONGLY URGE

GOA TO TAKE A MORE BALANCED APPROACH TOWARDS PRG AND VIET-NAM RELATED ISSUES.

3. FYI. WHILE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES CANBERRA TACTICAL SUGGESTION, REFTEL A, DEPARTMENT'S VIEW IS THAT CHANCES OF A WILLESEE CANDIDACY ARE SLIM, AND THAT PRESSURE WE COULD EXERT WOULD BE NEGLIBLE. FURTHER, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS YET TO SUPPORT THORN CANDIDACY. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, U.S. POLICY WITH REGARD TO 30TH GA PRESIDENCY IS TO SUPPORT REGIONAL CANDIDACY AGREED TO BY WEO GROUP. END FYI. KISSINGER

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